

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

MARSHA RUDDELL BROWN,
Plaintiff,

vs.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC, AND BAY-
ERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG,
Defendants.

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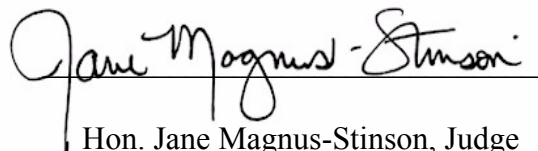
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The Court has issued two Orders directing Plaintiff to file an Amended Complaint due to defects in her jurisdictional allegations. [[Filing No. 5](#); [Filing No. 17](#).] Her Second Amended Complaint adequately alleges that diversity jurisdiction is proper, [[Filing No. 18 at 1-2](#)], but Defendant BMW of North America, LLC filed an Answer stating that it “is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of [the] allegations” regarding Plaintiff’s citizenship and denies certain allegations regarding its own citizenship, [[Filing No. 21 at 2](#)]. Defendant Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (“BMW AG”) has not filed an Answer, presumably because it has a Motion to Dismiss for Insufficient Service of Process pending. [[Filing No. 24](#).]

The Court has an independent obligation to ensure that it possesses jurisdiction. *See [Thomas v. Guardsmark, LLC](#), 487 F.3d 531, 533 (7th Cir. 2007)*. Therefore, before this case proceeds any further, the Court must resolve the outstanding jurisdictional issues. Accordingly, the Court requests the Magistrate Judge to hold a conference with the parties to determine the most efficient way for the jurisdictional disagreements to be resolved, whether via briefing, a hearing, or otherwise.

September 11, 2014



Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana